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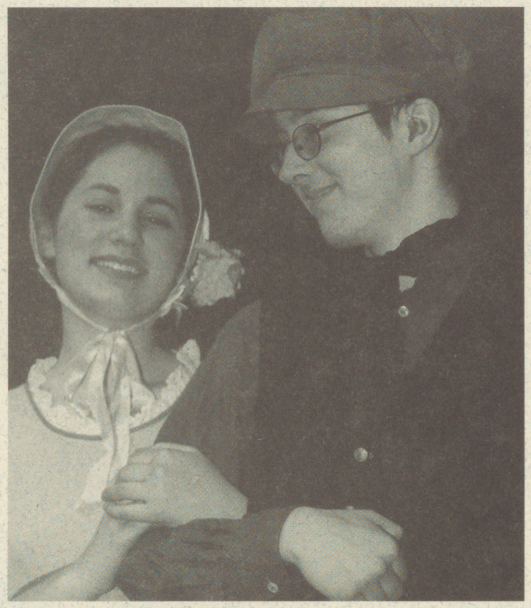
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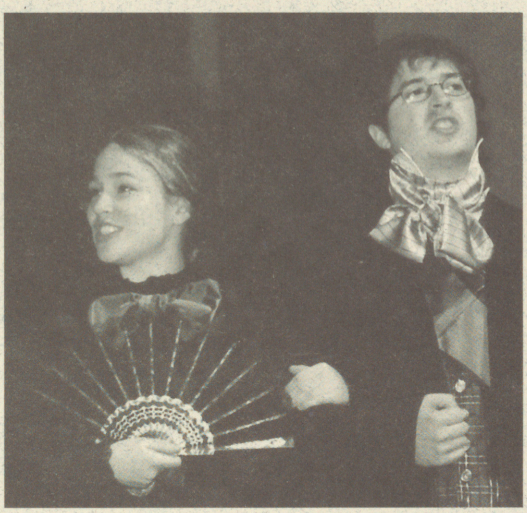
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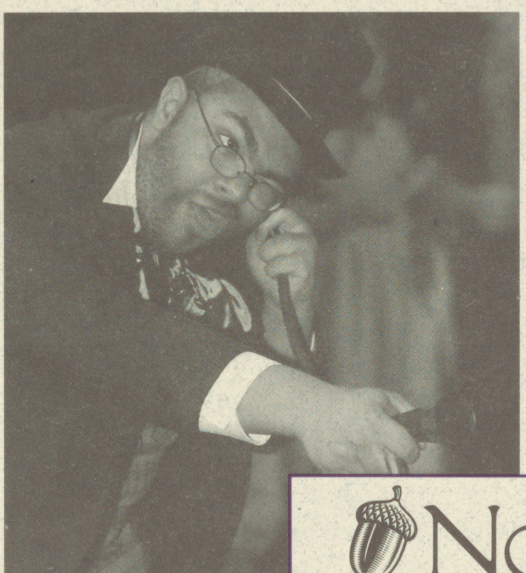
A cast of 55 middle and upper school students delighted audiences with Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Sorcerer" on March 14, 15, and 16. This marked the first-ever production of "The Sorcerer" in North Shore's Gilbert and Sullivan history. Sometimes billed under its alternative title, "The Elixir of Love," "The Sorcerer" centers on John Wellington Wells, a dealer in magic and spells. His love potion creates havoc for all the villagers, including the betrothed couple, Alexis and Aline. After drinking the potion, one falls into a deep sleep. Upon waking, the victim madly dotes upon the next live creature he/she sees. The mismatched couples that result cause problems for all in a delightful story filled with singing, dancing and laughter.



Emily Herzberg '04 and Nathan Fivecoate '05 as villagers of Ploverleigh.



Lady Sangazure (Laura Harris '03) and Sir Marmaduke Pointdextre (Evan Birnholtz '02) think of rekindling their romance.



Tony Collins '02 as the hard-of-hearing notary.

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NORTH SHORE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Message from the Head of School

BY W. THOMAS DOAR III

Who among us hasn't asked the question, "Am I living my life in a meaningful way?" We all want to feel confident that we will leave a lasting mark on the life of another or contribute thoughtfully to the greater good of society. Since the tragedies of September 11, our collective focus on making the world a better place has been heightened.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting someone who is, in an active, tangible way, leaving her indelible impression on the world through the lives of young people. Kristin Kearns Jordan visited North Shore Country Day on January 24th as the School's annual Harold H. Hines, Jr. Visiting Fellow. In the past, North Shore has hosted such notable figures as Jane Goodall; founder of Habitat for Humanity, Millard Fuller; and author and Harvard University Professor Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot. Kristin Kearns Jordan differs from previous visiting fellows because her face and name don't receive the same instant recognition. In fact, when she appeared at my office, I thought she must be a young mother looking for our Admissions Office. The impact of her life's work, however, is profound.



Kristin Kearns Jordan

Ms. Jordan is a graduate of Brown University '91 and Phillips Exeter Academy '87, one of the most competitive college preparatory schools in the country. While at Brown, she conceived of the idea of starting a school. After working for a non-profit organization devoted to providing scholarships for inner-city students to attend private schools, she decided to pursue her dream. In 1999, Ms. Jordan applied to the State of New York to found a charter school in New York City's South Bronx, one of the lowest-performing public school districts – and the lowest per-capita income congressional district – in the nation. New York approved her charter. In the fall of 2000, Ms. Jordan's dream became a reality when Bronx Preparatory Charter School opened with 100 students in grades five and six.

By 2003, the school will have an enrollment of 800 students in grades 5 through 12. The school's Mission Statement is lofty. Its promise, however, is simple: to prepare low-income children for the nation's top universities.



Tom Doar
Head of School

As Ms. Jordan addressed the crowd of North Shore students, parents, faculty and friends that evening, I was struck by her poise and her passion, her commitment and her character. Her message was clear. Set high goals and work tirelessly toward them. She told students, "What you are asked to do here is tough. It should be hard. The rest of life is this hard – if you want to make a difference. Being tired at the end of the day is a good thing." She added, "If you compromise your goals, your result will be mediocrity." In the context of her personal story about the realization of her dream, her message was pure inspiration.

As an educator, I believe it is a school's job to work in concert with parents to help ensure that our young people receive the skills and belief in themselves that prepare them to pursue their dreams. North Shore's daily agenda includes pursuing academic excellence; providing broad extracurricular opportunities for personal growth; and instilling a strong sense of community, where students are known and valued as individuals. Beyond that, our mission statement says, in part, "We expect students to ask probing questions, analyze complex ideas creatively and ethically, and rise to the challenges of leadership and service." Kristin Kearns Jordan served as an extraordinary role model for the students she addressed, because she exemplified these very ideals in realizing her own dream – a dream that goes beyond herself and directly enhances the lives of others.

It was particularly gratifying for me to see that Ms. Jordan's dedication to Bronx Prep came out of a desire to educate others in the way that she had been educated. She believes that she is the

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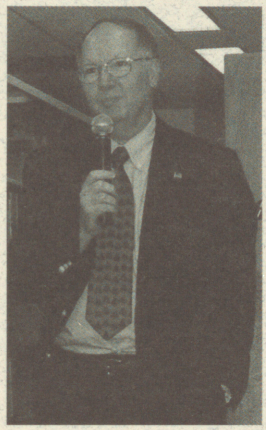
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Bob Beerheide Retires After 22 Years of Service

Bob Beerheide joined the North Shore community in February of 1979 and served the School as Business Manager until his retirement in December, 2001.



Bob says goodbye to his many friends and colleagues at North Shore.

Over his 22 years at the School, Bob connected with all constituencies of the community, including faculty and staff, members of the board of trustees, the maintenance crew, parents, and several Heads of School. Throughout his tenure at North Shore, Bob remained committed to his philosophy "To make North Shore one of the leading institutions in the country."

By keeping careful watch over the finances of the School and strategically allocating budgets, Bob saw the School grow significantly stronger and more vital. By his final year at North Shore, he managed a budget of $9.0 million and an endowment that had grown to more than $17 million. He also oversaw major capital improvements on campus and helped to plan for future growth.

Bob is not a man who feels comfortable the spot light, but his colleagues thought it only right to honor him for his dedication to the school. Just before the holiday break, current and former faculty and staff gathered for a spirited, celebratory tribute to Bob that featured heartfelt testimonials along with a salute of good natured parody.

While he has left the day-to-day financial management of the school behind, the effects of Bob's many years of dedication to North Shore has undoubtedly laid the groundwork for future success.



Bob with longtime assistant Zaro Buterbaugh.



Bob surrounded by his family, son, Tom '87, wife, Barbara, and daughter, Laura Heidelberger.



Jim Deuble '76, Bob, Maxine Mitchell, Patti and Jay Bach



Bob with the maintenance crew (L-R): Mike Peccia, Kenny Vojta, Leo Roth, Bob, J Cruz de la Torre, George Lundquist, and Ray Mroczenski.

Gilbert and Sullivan Casts a Spell with "The Sorcerer"



Mickeeya Murray '02 as Mrs. Partlet and Michael Lehman '02 as Dr. Daly, the vicar.



Villagers Jaime Powers '02, Katie Rooney '02, Joe Kim '02 and Carola Melcher '03 at the town party.



The village women have no idea what is about to befall them.



The villagers drink the tea infused with the magic potion.



Laura Harris '03 as Lady Sangazure and Nick Whalley '03 as John Wellington Wells, the Sorcerer.



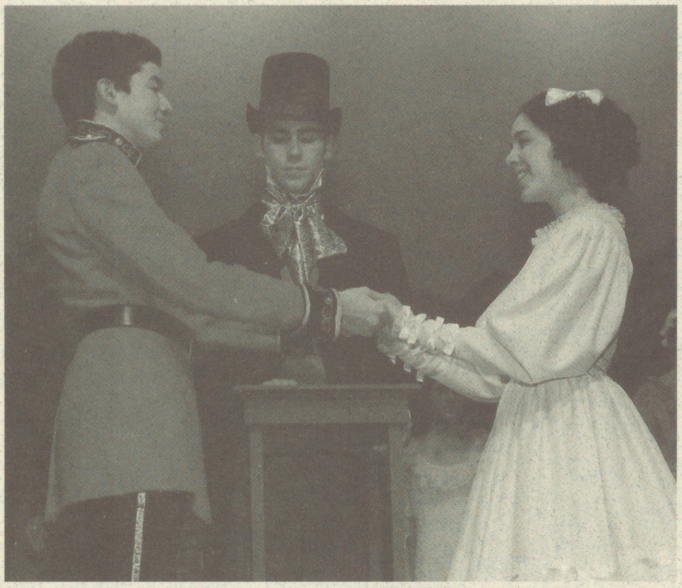
Villagers Jeannie Slezak '07 and Samantha Kindler '07.



The spell brings villagers Jaime Powers '02 and Nate Flint '03 together.



The Village Men



Lawyer Andrew Hill '03 with Alexis (Ross Matsuda '02) and Aline (Nickey Rodin '03) exchanging vows.

Annual Musical Dinner: Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Sorcerer"

The Gilbert and Sullivan tradition continues to live on as a strong part of the performing arts experience at North Shore. This year's Gilbert and Sullivan, "The Sorcerer," cast a spell on audiences with wonderful acting, singing and very professional production. On March 15th, more than 75 alumni, current grandparents, faculty/staff and friends gathered for the Annual Spring Musical dinner prior to the performance. During the dinner, performing arts faculty members and lead characters in the musical were introduced and visited with guests. Current students and alumni were able to share their mutual experiences performing in Gilbert and Sullivan productions.



Cast member Nickey Rodin '03 greets Herb Butz '33 and Irving Benoist prior to her performance.



Head of School Tom Doar with the Jessen family. Seated: Paula Jessen and Susie Jessen, Standing: Howard Jessen, Lynn Lillard Jessen '74, and Ned Jessen '73.



Katrina Wolcott Kelley '43 with cast members Nick Whalley '03 and Ross Matsuda '02.

Linda Breuer '69 Shares Her Life's Work with Students

Linda Breuer '69, a North Shore "lifer," has reinvented herself several times since her student days. And yet she believes it is precisely because of her days as a North Shore student that she has had the confidence to tackle new roles over the years. Having studied to be an artist, Linda spent time painting before moving to preschool education, where she worked with abused children. In 1977 she took on a new role in her family's business. She began in the factory, eventually working her way up to president. She ultimately purchased the business and turned it around despite the skepticism of those who felt she lacked the necessary business background. According to Linda, it was her experiences and skills as an artist and a teacher that she relied on most to help her succeed.

While she enjoyed the success of her business, she found her true passion volunteering to rehabilitate injured and orphaned birds. At one point she realized, "I didn't want to sit through another business meeting. I was always looking out the window at birds." Having realized her goals in the corporate world, she decided to sell her business to her employees and reinvent herself yet again.

In 1999 Linda founded Barnswallow, A Wild Bird Concern. As Director of Barnswallow, Linda works to rehabilitate injured and orphaned songbirds and raptors (owls, hawks and falcons) with the goal to restore them their freedom in the wild.

On March 4th she led a Morning Ex. to share her passion with students, accompanied by some of her beloved winged creatures. Linda's presentation was met with great enthusiasm from the students, who learned, for example, that baby songbirds must be fed every 15 to 20 minutes for a period of 12 hours each day. They also learned, surprisingly, that among raptors there is an 80% mortality rate during their first year. For songbirds, the mortality rate is even higher.



Linda Breuer '69 shares the magnificence of an owl she helped to rehabilitate.



Linda talks with second grade students about a rescued raptor..

Wild birds are protected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but Linda says they face great adversity due to humans. It is loss of habitat and natural food supplies; collisions with cars, trucks, windows and airplanes; attacks by free-roaming pets; curious children; poison from lawn chemicals; shooting and trapping; cruelty; natural predation; and adverse weather conditions that bring birds to Barnswallow.

Linda's business, which she runs out of her home clinic on five acres bordering a forest preserve in Lake County, Illinois, has her on-call around the clock. Barnswallow is a private facility that is state and federally licensed but entirely supported by private donations. Linda has developed a solid reputation among her peers, which has led to other agencies viewing her as a resource. In addition to caring for and tracking her own birds, she may receive emergency calls in the middle of the night, and she always rushes to aid in any way she can.

She admits that it can be difficult to live her work 24 hours a day, but she wouldn't change a thing. She says, "I walked away happily to start Barnswallow, and I've never looked back." She credits her confidence to start this chapter of her life to North Shore. "North Shore allowed me to believe in my vision and to, indeed, Live and Serve. I learned there is nothing you can't do."

As she spoke about her commitment to the wild birds, she paused and said, "I was just looking through my scope at an owl I released three years ago. We rescued him when he was five days old. Now he's sitting up there cleaning himself. He's free and wild and doing exactly what he's supposed to be doing." And that is satisfaction for Linda much deeper than she found sitting through business meetings.

Annie Aggens '88 Makes the Trek of a Lifetime to the North Pole

Annie Aggens '88 has always had a thirst for adventure. While a college student, she spent a semester with NOLS, National Outdoor Leadership School. According to Annie, people learn more about themselves through an adventure expedition than they otherwise ever would. Following that experience, Annie became involved with NOLS as a program leader, running youth trips that included 50-day canoe expeditions into the sub-arctic of Canada.

She later joined Northwest Passage, a Wilmette-based company that offers adventure-based trips around the world. As part of her responsibility Annie led sea kayaking trips on the Isle of Crete as well as backpacking and canoeing trips from Canada to Belize.



Sweet success – Annie reaches the North Pole.

It was through Northwest Passage that Annie got involved in one of her most challenging expeditions – a trek to the North Pole which she led in April 2000. Annie visited North Shore in January to share the story of this adventure during an all-school Morning Ex. A veteran of Morning Ex., Annie knew just how to hold the attention of students ranging in age from 4-18, all of whom were fascinated by the idea of such a fantastic feat.

Before such a trek can begin, Annie explained, participants need a practice run, or "shakedown" to determine whether they have the wherewithal for such a trip. In early February of 2000, the group scheduled to make the April trek headed to Canada's Baffin Island, a region where the weather approximates that of the North Pole. In addition to setting up and breaking down camp, learning how to use insulated, layered clothing systems and cross-country skiing, the real test comes as each participant must jump through a hole cut in the frozen lake, climb out, and change into dry clothing before hypothermia sets in. Given the real risk of falling into an open lead (hole in the ice) during the expedition, surviving this simulation is crucial.



The crew encounters an icy "speed bump".



Annie and her expedition-mates reach their goal.

When Annie finally set out on the expedition, two participants had passed the training and were ready for the real thing along with Annie and another director. Annie's group of four Americans joined a group of four Italians and a Swede at the Russian research camp, Borneo before heading off on the trek.



A frozen Annie at the North Pole

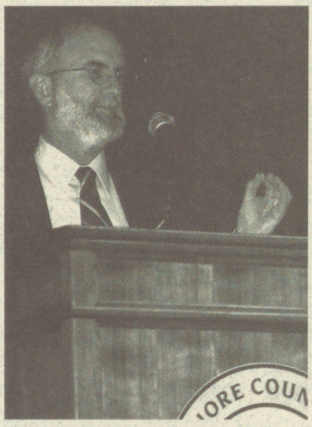
The group faced a series of ongoing challenges throughout the 14-day trip. Once the expedition began, the team faced 14-hour days that began with breaking down their camp by 8:00 a.m., skiing by 10:00 a.m. (while pulling along a sled packed with 120 pounds of gear and food), breaking for lunch, and skiing another four or more hours before setting up camp for the night. All of this took place in temperatures ranging from 0 to -40 F, which presented another of the challenges: regulating body temperature. While Annie only wore three layers of clothing, a fact that surprised some of the students in the audience, her clothing system was sophisticated and designed specifically to provide warmth and ventilation. Annie described the constant process of adding and removing layers while she skied in an attempt to keep from getting too hot or too cold. Her ultimate goal was to make sure she didn't perspire, as an accumulation of moisture would instantly freeze and ruin the insulating properties of the clothing.

With days full of physical activity, consuming enough calories proved another significant challenge for the team members. Annie recounted meals filled with such fat and calorie-filled foods as butter, bacon, and chocolate, which were necessary components of her diet to provide the roughly 6,000 calories per day that her body required.

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Did You Know?

As part of the "Focus on History" lecture series, the history department sponsored a lecture in February by Professor Robert Toplin, entitled "History by Hollywood." A professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Robert Toplin is a widely published author and is editor of film reviews for The Journal of American History. His most recent books include *History By Hollywood: The Use and Abuse of the American Past* and an edited work, *Ken Burns' The Civil War: Historians Respond,* which was a History Book Club Main Selection. In 2000 he published *Oliver Stone's USA: Film, History and Controversy.* Dr. Toplin's newest book, *Reel History: In Defense of Hollywood,* is scheduled for release in the fall of 2002.



Professor Robert Toplin

Thirty Upper School students participated in the Model United Nations program hosted by the University of Chicago (MUNUC) from January 31st-February 3rd. Eight of the students received Verbal Commendation, a special recognition, for their efforts. They include: Katie Bearman '02, Rachel Conant '05, Laura Harris '03, Aaron Morris '03, Andrew Meador '02, Max Patinkin '04, Katie Rooney '02, and Nick Whalley '03.

According to Model UN Advisor Frank Dachille, "All the North Shore participants were active and engaged throughout the conference, and I was proud of their efforts. I think they learned quite a bit, and they had fun."

Several Upper School students have been recognized by area art fairs. Justin Rheinfrank '03 placed third in the high school division of the Glenview Art League's Youth Art Fair. Justin submitted a still life based on the work of Mondrian. Matt Ozmun '02 earned third place in the Wilmette Arts Guild Student Art Show for his oil on canvas, "L'Art de Vivre (Interpretation)". Gligor Cvetkovski '03, Andy Hazlett '03, and Justin Rheinfrank received Honorable Mention in the high school competition.

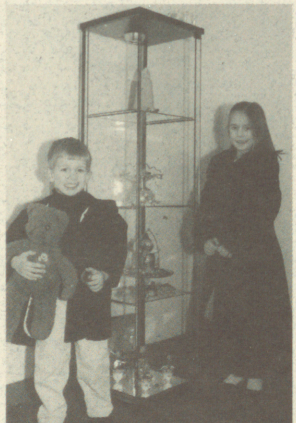
An exhibit featuring the works of North Shore's fine arts faculty opened with a reception in the John Almquist gallery on February 22nd. The artists, Arnor Bieltvedt, Jackie Melissas, Linda Semel, Michael Trainer, and Mary Wagner, are all art teachers as well as practicing artists. Arnor Bieltvedt exhibited portraiture paintings from his faces series; Jackie Melissas exhibited ceramics using raku, saggar, smoke and salt firings; Linda Semel presented sculpture and collage works using collected and found objects in a two- or three-dimensional composition; Michael Trainer featured photography; and Mary Wagner exhibited works from a tulip series done in soft pastels on sanded paper.



Fine arts faculty (L-R): Michael Trainer, Linda Semel, Jackie Melissas, Mary Wagner and Arnor Bieltvedt.



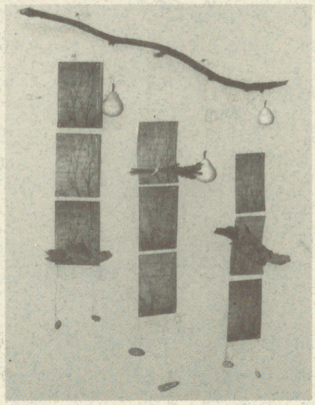
A piece from the "Faces Series" by Arnor Bieltvedt



Lower school students Conor '15 and Abbie '12 North enjoy the exhibit.



Earthenware Vessel by Jackie Melissas



Kinetic sculpture by Linda Semel

Did You Know?

Third grade teacher David Green has had a manuscript, "Last One Standing – Creative, Cooperative Problem Solving," accepted by *Teaching Children Mathematics*, a publication of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. David's article, which will be published this spring, focuses on a project he conducts in his classroom and features photographs of his students.



David Green

Seyamack Afzali '03 was selected as the Class A Outstanding Performer of the Prep Top Times indoor track meet in Champaign, Illinois. Seyamack won both the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes and placed fourth in the 400. As a result of this honor, he was also named a *Chicago Tribune* Athlete of the Week.

Brian Jessen '02 was named to the Pioneer Press All-Area Basketball team.

Making other North Shore history, Brian scored 1,000 points in his high school basketball career as did Mickeeya Murray '02. This is the first time ever that players from both the boys and girls teams have reached this distinction in the same season.

Eric Alexander '02 was honored by the Pioneer Press for his performance during the 2001 football season. Eric was named to the All-Area Team.

Michael Halper '03 has been accepted into the Shaped Clay 2002 exhibition at the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, New York. Michael's work, "Smoked Vessel," was selected from among 280 entries representing students from 46 different states. The Everson Museum is internationally respected for its Ceramics collections.

Torch Relay Brings Olympic Spirit to North Shore

On Saturday, January 5, dozens of North Shore students and their families braved the early-morning cold to celebrate the Olympic spirit as the Torch Relay passed along the campus on Green Bay Road. The relay then made its way to Ravinia, where school parent Harold Ramis served as emcee for a special Olympic ceremony and festival.



Cami Snyder '07, Conor Hulseman '07, Garrett Biemer '07 and Will Smith '07



Ned '04 and Nick '03 Whalley and Peter Callahan '10



Richard and Conor '15 North



The Cunningham family: Karen, Sara '09, Hanna '13 and Earl



Eighth graders show their Olympic spirit. (L-R): Tyler Whitmore '06, Kelly Krier '06, Mullery Doar '06 and Krista Klotter '06.

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After a long day of skiing, often facing 40 foot "speed bumps" of ice they had to navigate, or open leads they had to create ice bridges over, the trekkers would end their day exhausted. As they settled down for a much-needed night's sleep, however, the sky was still ablaze in the 24-hour polar sun. According to Annie, the challenge of falling asleep in full light wasn't a significant one, give the overwhelming fatigue she felt by day's end.

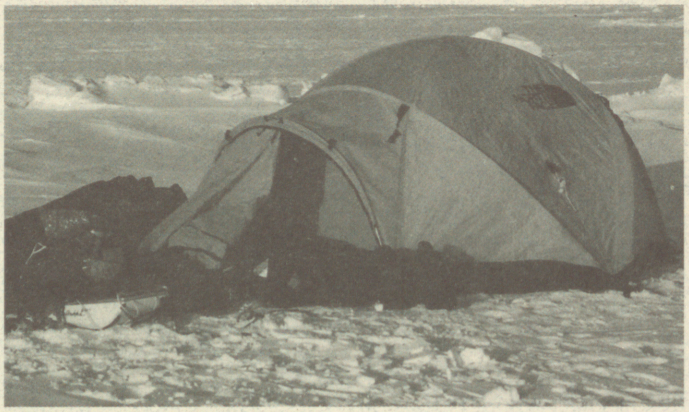


Annie with her fellow adventurers.

Before falling asleep each night, Annie tried to find a few quiet moments to write in her journal, a challenge in itself given the below-zero temperatures and the tendency of ink to freeze. Throughout the trip, Annie had to keep her camera, batteries, pens, and moisturizer close to her body to keep the items from freezing.

After two long weeks of trekking, Annie and the group did indeed achieve their goal of reaching the North Pole, and in so doing, achieved a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction that most of us can only imagine.

As she finished her Morning Ex. presentation, Annie was faced with an auditorium full of raised, waving hands, as students



Cozy accommodations at the North Pole.

were anxious to ask questions ranging from how she cooked in her tent (very carefully) to how she kept warm in the brutal temperatures (a constant struggle).

Annie has moved on from the North Pole and Northwest Passages, but she remains committed to a life filled with challenge and adventure. Her latest project, a book entitled "The Encyclopedia of Wilderness Skills," will be published in October 2002 by McGraw Hill.



Going home is easier than getting to the North Pole.

Message from the Head of School, continued from page 2

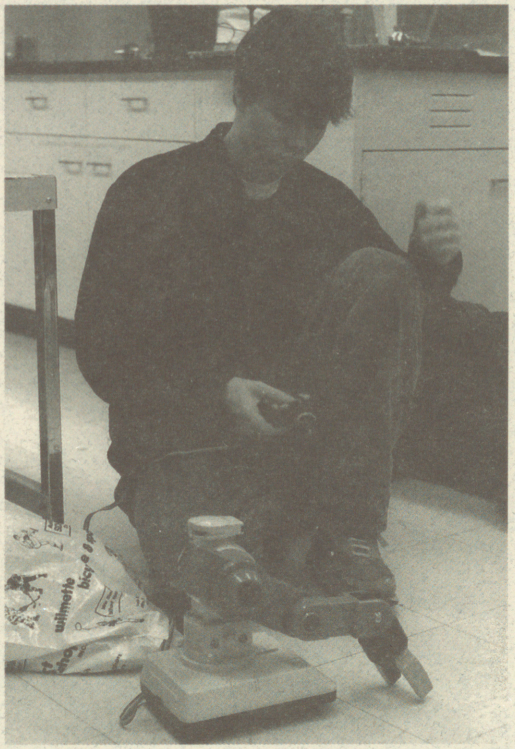
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beneficiary of an incredible educational experience, one that was challenging, personal and broad. She wants to give that same experience to her students in the South Bronx, because she believes they deserve it. We are fortunate, on the North Shore, that our children have access to a range of high quality educational options in public, private and parochial schools. But just like the students at Bronx Preparatory School, they need to see examples of others dedicated to realizing their dreams.

Far too often adults underestimate the power of modeling for young people. Instead the tendency is to place too much focus on external measures such as test scores, grades, and athletic wins and losses, failing to realize that to be truly educated means much more. As I watched the faces of our 170 Upper School students on the evening of January 24, focused and rapt with attention, there was no question that Ms. Jordan's message resonated with them. Their exposure to her, and to her commitment to finding solutions that will improve the world – one school at a time, one student at a time – moved them. She reached them because they related to her background. They are being given the same foundation of academic excellence, broad opportunities and personal attention that she values so strongly. What gives me confidence in the work of our school and others is that the students also related to the story of her life's work, that of a well educated entrepreneur who chose an atypical path.

Middle School Scientists Place First in Regional Olympiad, Upper School Places Fourth

Middle School Science Olympians earned a first place for North Shore at the Regional Science Olympiad held at Northeastern Illinois University on Saturday, March 8th. This marks the fourth year in a row that middle school students have participated in the Olympiad, an intensive, day-long series of 23 events requiring skills from each of the science disciplines, including chemistry, physics, biology, earth science, and astronomy. There are 37 middle school students on the team, representing a third of the middle school enrollment.



Ned Whalley '04 tests his project before the Olympiad.

Involvement in science Olympiad requires a strong commitment from each student, as the preparation requires significant time and group work. Students began conducting research and testing their projects early last fall, and their dedication and hard work paid off with medals in 18 of the 22 events in which medals were awarded.

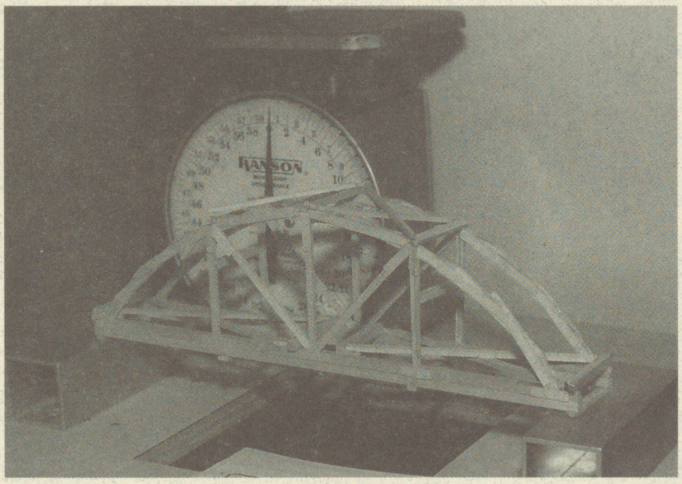
The following middle school students received gold medals: Caroline Blehart '08, Mullery Doar '06 (Two gold medals), Lili Ferguson '06, Emily Finlay '07, James Kinnaird '06, Zara Klaff '06 (Two gold medals), Carey Martin '06, Rachel Smith '07 (Three gold medals), Ben Wampler '07, and John Wiltshire-Gordon '07 (Three gold medals).

Silver medalists included: Caroline Blehart '08, Emily Finlay '07, Jill Krier '08 (Two silver medals), Avery Russell '07, and Musab Siddiqui '06.

Bronze medals were awarded to: Lili Ferguson '06 (Two bronze medals), Emily Finlay '07, James Kinnaird '06 (Two bronze medals), Carey Martin '06, Jon Mulder '06 (Two bronze medals), Albert Price '06, Avery Russell '07, Musab Siddiqui '06 (Two bronze medals), Ben Wampler '07 (Two bronze medals), and John Wiltshire-Gordon '07 (Two bronze medals).

Based on their performance at the regional competition, the middle school team earned the honor of a trip to Champaign, Illinois for the state competition held on April 5th and 6th. The team placed 13th out of 36 teams at the event, the best showing ever for North Shore at the state event. Team Coach Lee Block was especially gratified by the commitment the middle schoolers gave to preparing for the competition. Despite the event occurring during the School's spring break, Lee had 15 or more students each day in his lab preparing and fine tuning for the competition.

The upper school team, with its largest representation ever, placed fourth overall in the high school division of the Regional Science Olympiad. Lee Block was very pleased with this showing and noted that the team narrowly missed the opportunity to compete at the State Olympiad, falling just four points short of third place.



A bridge ready for the competition.

Upper school gold medalists were: John Barkhausen '05, Elizabeth Brantley '03, Helen Schweitz '03, Luke Strauss '03 (Two gold medals), and Nick Whalley '03.

Silver medalists included: Ben Bezark '04, Elizabeth Brantley '03, Sarah Finlay '05, Caroline Rex-Waller '05, Helen Schweitz '03, John Szymanksi '05 (Two silver medals), and Ned Whalley '04.

Bronze medalists included: Ben Bezark '04, Elizabeth Brantley '03, Rachel Cahan '04 (Two bronze medals), Jared Mondschein '04 (Three bronze medals), Aaron Morris '03, Helen Schweitz '03, Luke Strauss '03, John Szymanski '05, Ned Whalley '04 (Two bronze medals), and Nick Whalley '03.

North Shore Country Day Recognizes Morton and Claudia Lane

North Shore Country Day School awarded the Foster Hannaford Recognition to Morton and Claudia Lane. The recognition is given annually for distinguished service to the School.

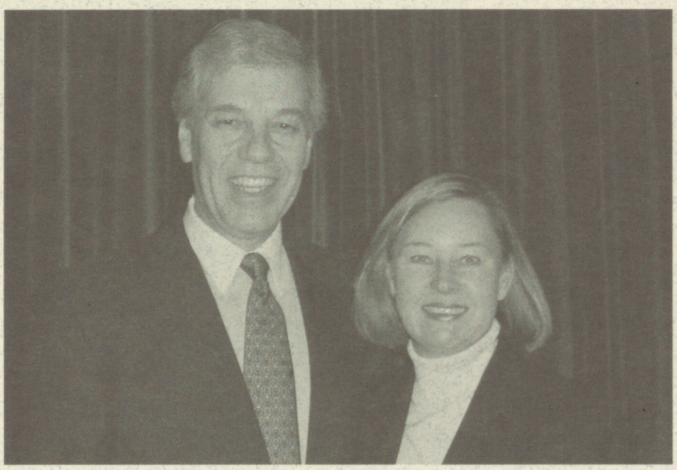
Morton and Claudia have shown exceptional commitment to North Shore Country Day for 20 years as active ambassadors, effective leaders, thoughtful Board members and parents of Megan '92, David '94 and Rhodri '01. The Recognition acknowledged their broad involvement and countless contributions.

Morton served as a distinguished and valued member of the Board of Trustees for 10 years. In his Executive Committee role, he helped guide the School. He challenged assumptions yet remained supportive. He was focused, task oriented and serious while using his dry sense of humor to maintain perspective and move the agenda forward.

Claudia's leadership had a significant impact in three areas. She was Co-Chair of the Parents' Association from 1982-1984; President of the Woman's Board in 1991; and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee in the mid 1990s. Her versatility, insight, perspective, intelligence and organization characterize Claudia in all three capacities. Claudia also served on the Steering Committee for the capital Campaign for Tradition and Innovation and was instrumental in its successful conclusion with $11.6 million raised for the School.

In presenting the recognition, Board of Trustees member Jim DeYoung remarked, "Morton and Claudia are excellent examples of how to balance professional, family and philanthropic commitments. They are true role models for the current generation of School leaders. We are delighted to honor them as the 2001 recipients of the Foster Hannaford Recognition and to acknowledge their continued commitment and involvement in North Shore Country Day."

The Recognition Event was held at Indian Hill Club in December 2001 and included remarks by Head of School Tom Doar III.



Morton and Claudia Lane

Chihuly, Milwaukee & Western North Carolina – The Alumni Senior Class Hits the Road!

The Alumni Senior Class, those who have celebrated their 50th reunion and beyond, is looking at an exciting array of trips in 2002. Led by long-time Senior Class trip maestro, Bill Hinchliff '64 (not yet officially a member of the august body, but getting closer all the time!), these adventures include local and long-distance destinations. The first of the one-day local trips – on **April 29** – will explore the wonderful (and wonderfully restored) Chicago park system. While the featured attraction will be the marvelous Dale Chihuly glass exhibit at the Garfield Park Conservatory, the tour will also include visits to the other great West Side parks, all linked together by the majestic boulevard system. Lunch will be at the Russian Tea Time restaurant.

The second day-trip – **October 8** – takes the group to Milwaukee, where the main attraction will be the spectacular new wing of the Milwaukee Art Museum (with a giant sun-screen that opens and closes with breathtaking gracefulness), designed by the great Spanish architect/engineer, Santiago Calatrava. This Milwaukee day trip will also include touring of the downtown area and the fashionable East Side, and lunch at the elegant Lake Park Bistro.

The 2002 long-distance trip – offered in collaboration with the North Shore Senior Center – is to the beautiful mountain region of western North Carolina. It will occur at the perfect time to enjoy the spectacular fall colors, namely **October 15-18.** From a base of operations at the lovely Pinecrest Inn in Tryon, the group will make expeditions to Asheville to see Biltmore, the Grove Park Inn and the Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway; and to the nearby sites of Connemara (Carl Sandburg's mountain-side home), and the picturesque town of Saluda.

Anyone interested in learning more about these trips should contact Nancy Green Whiteman '71 in the Alumni Office (847-881-8848) or email nwhiteman@nscds.org and stay alert for mailings that will go out about them.

Young Alumni Gathering - December 21, 2001

On December 21, 2001 the Classes of 1997-2001 were welcomed back to campus for a continental breakfast and conversation with faculty, classmates, and Head of School, Tom Doar. This event will be held annually to coincide with the All-School Holiday Celebration. Following the young alumni gathering breakfast, the entire school community and alumni attended the Holiday Celebration in the Mac Gym complete with buddy group holiday dances from around the world and a special visit from Santa himself.

Those who attended the young alumni event this year included: **Jon Lehman '99, Emily Smith '00, Frank Cermak '00, Sateesh Rogers '00, Andy Meyer '00, Tom Doar '00, Alex Moffat '00, Chris Davis '00, Chris Jessen '00, Robbie Bearman '00, Abby Hazlett '01, Leigh Cross '01, Andrew Syfu'01, Talia Ullmann '01, Amanda Burnett '01, Jamie Webster '01, Jonathan Syfu '98, Laura Yates '97, Whitney Brown '97, Hillary Wirtz '97.**



Madame Wollin-Casey and Chris Jessen '00



Joel Blumenfeld '00, Tom Doar '00, Andy Meyer '00, Bryan Fydryck '00, Jamie Webster '01



Whitney Brown '97, Hillary Wirtz '97 and Laura Yates '97

Call for Stanton Alumni Recognition Nominations

Each year the Alumni Association Board presents the Francis R. Stanton Alumni Recognition to an alumnus/a whose life work exemplifies the School's motto "Live and Serve." All members of the North Shore community are invited to identify candidates for the award. Please use this nomination form and return it to the Alumni Office.

The Francis R. Stanton Recognition recipient is selected based on lifetime commitment and dedication to his/her profession, community service, or a combination of volunteer and professional activities. Previous recipients of the Stanton Recognition are: Francis R. Stanton '27, Laura B. '33 and Francis D. Moore '31, Phyllis Babb Perkins '46, John W. Macy, Jr. '34, William C. Fowle '28, John Newhall Wilson '43, John A. Howard '39, Roger Fisher '39, Fisher Howe '31, Dr. Katherine Sanford Mifflin '33, Edward L. Glaser II '47, John Nash Ott '27, Robert A. Aldrich '35, Lawrence Howe '38, Dr. Anne Young '65 and Robert A. Jones '55, Judge James L. Oakes '41, Herman H. Lackner '30, Merle C. Chambers '64, Deborah Vainder Edidin '67 and Thomas Geraghty '62.

Francis R. Stanton Alumni Recognition Nomination Form

Name of Nominee_____ Class Of _____

Your Name_____ Class Of _____

Please state below why you feel the nominee should be considered for the Francis R. Stanton Alumni Recognition. Please describe the nominee's major achievements and their impact.

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Please return this form to The North Shore Country Day School Alumni Office, 310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Il 60093 or fax to: 847-446-0675

Regional Gatherings 2002 – North Shore Coast to Coast

North Shore continues to "take it on the road" throughout the year to get caught up with alumni and friends around the country. It's fun for alumni who otherwise might not get back to campus to reconnect with the School more often.

Boston

On January 28, 2002, **Molly Ingram McDowell '80**, Director of Development & Alumni Relations and **Sarah Ross**, Annual Giving Coordinator and Coach, greeted alumni from the Boston area at The Union Club in downtown Boston. Those alumni and friends who attended were: **Rob Angert '89** and Shanna Schwartz, Rick and **Alison Puth Doron '81, John Frank '94, Jim Howe '62,** Dave Davis and **Niki Janus '60, Jared Nedzel '78, Jonathon Strong '62, Katie Whittlesey '94,** and Ted and Mouse Rowley, grandparents of Mary Rowley a current 9th grade student.

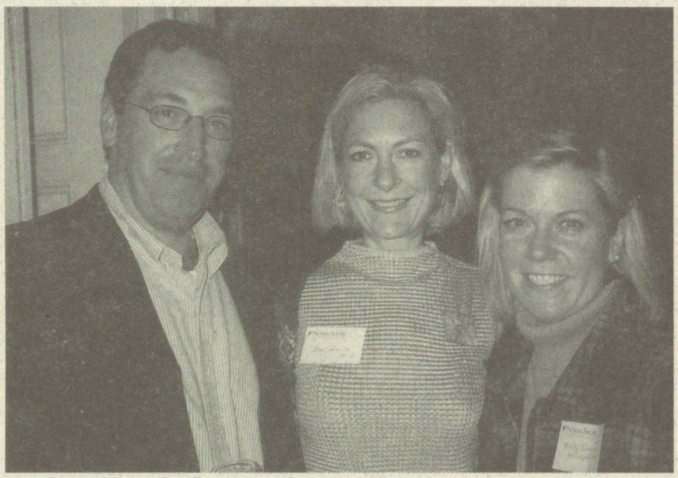


Current North Shore Grandparents Mouse and Ted Rowley, Katie Whittlesey '94

San Francisco

On February 28, 2002, Head of School **Tom Doar** and **Molly Ingram McDowell '80**, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, met with alumni and friends from the San Francisco area at The University Club in downtown San Francisco. Those who attended and reconnected with each other included: **Dimitria Cook '87, Bruce Dunlap '75,** Della and **Ian Flint '83,** Kris and **Jane Bulger Gallagher '67, Kristen Moffat Powell '86, Clint Roenisch '79,** Polly Osborne Smith (wife of the late **Dunny Smith '42**), **Andy Taylor '57,** and Mary Jayne and **Tim Wallace '45.**





Rick and Alison Puth Doron '81, Molly Ingram McDowell '80



Jonathan Strong '62, Jim Howe '62, Niki Janus '60



Shanna Schwartz and Rob Angert '89

San Fran gathering: (left to right) Mary Jayne (seated) and Tim Wallace '45, Polly Smith (seated), Head of School Tom Doar, Dimitria Cook '87, Della and Ian Flint '83, Kris and Jane Bulger Gallagher '67 (seated), Molly Ingram McDowell '80, Clint Roenisch '79 and Andy Taylor '57.

Sanibel Island, Florida

The March 27, 2002 North Shore Country Day School luncheon at the Casa Ybel Resort on Sanibel Island was attended by alumni, former faculty, former trustees and friends. Tom Doar, Head of School, welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the School's strong academic opportunities, community service activities, performing arts performances and wonderful faculty. Those who attended included: Nancy and John Ake, Life Trustee and former parent, **Louise Nathan Bernard '38, Sylvia Bouscaren, Ginger Bensinger Sonnenschein '44, Onnie Straub Darrow '38,** Mike and **Joan Hauser Gately '49, Sally Green Handley '68, Hubie Howard '36, Nancy Brock Johnson '43, Josephine Wallace Kixmiller '38,** Debbie Carroll and **Mike Wallace '53, Sally Bull Wood '38**, Barbara and Bob Beerheide, former Business Manager, Sue and **Tom Pick '48, Ann Howard Hanna '71, Donald '70 and Nancy Green Whiteman '71, Bob and Janet Jones Rogers '43.**



Standing: Sue and Tom Pick '48, and Ginger Bensinger Sonnenschein '44



L-R: Joan Hauser Gately '49, Mike Wallace '53 and Debbie Carroll



Josephine Wallace Kixmiller '38 and Onnie Straub Darrow '38



The luncheon crowd of close to 30 assembled for a photo complete with North Shore pennants.

Class Notes Spring 2002

'24 Elizabeth Sawyer Klaeson wrote the Alumni Office "I am sorry to report that my mother, **Isabelle Fry** Sawyer, died of heart failure April 17, 2000, one week shy of her 93rd birthday. She was fun and chipper to the end, and always spoke highly of her days at NSCDS. From Winnetka, she went on to National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C., worked in Boston and married George F. Sawyer, who became a V.P. of First National Bank of Boston, retiring to Durham, NH in 1960. She had a marvelous and busy life, traveling often to the Bahamas and England."

'28 The family of **William C. Fowle** notified the Alumni Office of his death on February 18, 2002. Mr. Fowle, among many of his accomplishments, was a recipient of North Shore's Francis R. Stanton Recognition that recognizes alumni who whose life work exemplifies the School's motto "Live and Serve."

'30 **Jeannette Hill Vincent** reports "still doing music – promoting our CD Spanish American Dance Tunes of New Mexico from WPA archives of N.M. Tio enjoys playing for Elder Hostels, and other celebrations, including school programs. Have a new granddaughter, Samantha Lynn DiSanti. Father is Mike DiSanti, biological son of **Frances Wells DiSanti '31**."

'36 **Virginia Creigh Livingston** writes "Dave and I just celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary with much thankfulness that we still have each other. We are also very lucky to have our three children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild living nearby." **Sally Crowder Doering** reflected on **Francis Moore '31**, who died in November, and his family, "True Story! It's about **Dr. Francis Moore, Sr.**, his wife **Laura Bartlett Moore '33** and their son "Chip" F.D. Moore Jr., and myself. From Winnetka I married and moved to Boston and then on to Marion, Mass for 64 years. Franny Moore gave my husband Dick Wakeman an extra 11 years of life in his fight against cancer. He also saved our daughter's life with his surgery. Now I am married to Bud Doering and we live in Lake Forest. I've gone full circle, but there is more. To be near my 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren I bought a condo at Fox Hill in Westwood, Mass. Also living at Fox Hill Retirement Place were Franny Moore and his wife Kathy. I am a cancer victim and enormously thankful that I went to NSCDS with Franny and Laurie. AND my surgeon today is their son "Chip." He is an outstanding doctor, like his father. True Story!!" **Nicholas Blatchford** wrote to the Alumni Office "The departure of **Philip Star**, my high school captain, my college roommate, who for all these years has kept me laughing, loving, and fearlessly examining his shortcomings, mine, and those of all humankind, leaves an awesome gap. Animula, vagula, blandula, hospes comesque corporis. Quo nunc abitis? Which, Spike Millet would have taught us, means, I think: "Little soul, little wanderer, little charmer, body's guest and companion, where are you going now?" **Bud Blossom** was one among five long-time Chicago Commons board members honored during a lunch at the Casino Club December 4, 2001. Bud holds the longest continuous service record, having joined the board in 1953. Chicago Commons is a 107-year-old multi-social service agency that partners with individuals, families and communities throughout the city to overcome poverty, discrimination and isolation by providing the tools to achieve self-sufficiency.

'37 **Marie Louise Richards Watson** wrote the Alumni Office "have 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Have macular degeneration and can only drive 8 miles to town. I read and do crosswords with a magnifying glass."



Larry Howe '38 celebrates his second 40th Birthday. Pictured with his family (L-R): Jim Howe '62, Sam Howe '73, Ellen Howe '65, Tina and Larry Howe '38, Eliza Howe Earle '67

'39 **John Howard** reports "my book, Detoxifying the Culture should be on sale in March."

'40 **Sallie Welsh VanArsdale** has moved to Plymouth Harbor in December to a retirement community in Sarasota. She and her husband, Buzz, plan to spend a couple of summer months in Winnetka. **Lois Mason Towers** reports "we have lived here in Dedham for 2 years and after 20 years of golf and tennis in the Deep South, find it even more fun as transplants to a New England town very much like Winnetka – old houses, old trees and SIDEWALKS! And a gardeners paradise with exciting change of seasons! Have a granddaughter at nearby Nobel and Greenough School – very much like NSCDS. They seem to have a great time there, as we did, too!"

'43 **Bill Jacobs** writes "my wife, Joan, and I continue to enjoy good health and a busy retirement!"

'44 **Carolyn Kuehnle Goetz** had a one-woman show of her recent watercolors at a gallery in Inverness Park, California, in November and December 2001.

'49 **Norman Ferris**, "a retired university professor, was unanimously elected Chair of the Rutherford County Democratic Party for a two-year term, 2001-2003. Rutherford County has the fourth largest population in the state of Tennessee and is located in the former congressional district of former U.S. Senator and Vice President Albert Gore Jr." **Francis Macy**

writes "Joanna and I are blessed with health, nearby family and good work. I still work in former Soviet republics several times a year supporting growth of independent environmental NGOs. I love my colleagues and partners 'over there'."

'50 **Tod Egan** writes "Still living in Winnetka...catch a NS football game now and then...I miss seeing Mac there. The bigger the U.S. gets, the more we need pockets of privately funded excellence like NSCDS. Where are you Andy D? Donny Wynns? Tim Rudolph? Cliff Boran? Dave Jones? Joan Hagey? Audrey Gallery? Barbara Smith Gardener?"

'52 **Suzanna Martin Reardon** responded to her time at the recent 50th reunion, "It was great to get the Class of 1952 photo and try to 'name that tune'. Tom Garver's book is terrific and brought back Sue Mack my 'old pal' as a pen pal after 50 years!" **Suzanne Mack** wrote the Alumni Office following the reunion, "The very best reunion I've ever been to! Flying to San Francisco in November to meet classmate **Joe Blecker** while he's out here on the West Coast. Plan to connect with **Susan Baskin Bernhard** and **Susanna Martin Reardon** next spring. Can't wait for 2006!" **Tim and Ginnie Hardy** write, "Reunion was great fun!"

'53 **Duncan Farrell's** mother writes, "Just celebrated 92 years. Great grandmother of two girls. I seem to be the welcoming committee for new residents at Brighten Gardens. Miss the many NSCDS activities. Best to all!"

'55 **Lucia Farwell Dhaens** writes she "looks forward to her 50th reunion in four years as she and her husband are anxious to go on the Senior Class trips with **Bill Hinchliff '64.**"

'59 **Elise "Trinkie" Smith Chambers** "had a great visit from **Carter McAlister Griffin** and Jim Crowl in October 2001 and last year, **Mary Carson Allen** and her husband, Rod Madsen, came to visit also. We love retirement!" **Russ Ahrens** emailed the Alumni Office "I am into my second year of a four-year term as a Governor Owens appointee to the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities. My initial introduction to the "humanities" occurred at NSCDS. Since then, I've become very enlightened on the importance of the disciplines of the humanities (ethics, literature, history, philosophy, etc) to our future. Critical-thinking and a consistent dialogue amongst people, values within the humanities, are so essential in the education process of our citizenry, not to mention our youth. Also, working on the re-edit of my book, *The Joy of Values*, expanding it to include two new pieces (to form a trilogy); The *Joy of Purpose*, and *The Joy of Being There.* The objective of the book is to encourage individuals, groups and companies to lead more enriched lives through discovering and sharing their values, mission and vision. In closing, being retired, I spend lots of time watching our nine-year old son, Nicolas, grow and develop (he is my teacher), and in a supportive role, sharing in the career of my wife, Susan (she is my companion), traveling, golfing, and trying to maintain a sound mind and body. Regretfully, my mother, Frances Yeager Ahrens, passed away 2/8/02 in Indianapolis. She died peacefully at almost 97 years young. While residing in the Chicago Area in the 40s-'60, she served as election campaign director for President Nixon, Congressman Rumsfield for the Midwest Republican Organization. She served on numerous local and national boards – Evanston Hospital Auxiliary, Int'l Girls Club. She wanted me to go to NSCDS. For once, my listening to her paid off!"

'60 **Alice Wilder** wrote in January, "We so enjoyed another reunion in Santa Fe! Thanks to Margot Sheesley!"

'62 **Christina Strong Hirsch** writes "had a wonderful Thanksgiving with **Jon Strong** and **Carla Ingersoll.**" **Rick Fall** writes "we have moved to a new community in Naples-mediterra, with 2 beautiful Tom Fazio golf courses. Never to be tried again, we designed and completed 2 homes within the past 6 months (the second being a summer cabin in Cashiers, North Carolina). Rick still actively representing buyers in the Naples real estate market."

'64 **Kathryn Wilsey Lerch** writes, "I've had another very busy year teaching Western Civ. and German at Park Tudor in Indianapolis. We have also been occupied with our Legacy Initiative project and will be publishing a book this coming May. Our anthology *(Words of War: Wartime Memories from the Civil War to the Gulf War)* will be available through some Barnes and Noble stores, so we're quite excited. Check out our webpage – this will be of interest to all veterans and those with letters and diaries! (www.parktudor.pvt.k12.in.us/Legacy/index.htm.)"



Bim Stanton '64, and **Barbara Schilling Stanton '63,** of Genesee, Colorado spent February 21-22 at steamboat Springs, Colorado, where Bim joined former NSCDS Middle School teacher **Bill Steel,** now of Williamstown, Massachusetts, for two days of skiing. While Bim and Bill skied, Barbara skated on Steamboat's new Olympic size ice rink. Bill Steel was Bim's 7th grade math and 8th grade social studies teacher at North Shore, and was the driving force behind the formation of the NSCDS Ski Club during the late 1950s. in those days, ski trips were made annually to northern Michigan and to Colorado in the spring. Bim credits Bill Steel as an early inspiration for his love of skiing, and commented that he could hardly keep up with Bill who at 85 has not lost his edge. Bill Steel has been traveling to Steamboat every February for years and typically stays for two weeks with his brother-in-law, John Fetcher, formerly of Winnetka. Bill and **Miriam (Fetcher) Steel '33**, are the parents of Biff Steel '60, of Washington, D.C. and **Polly Steel '65,** of Vermont.

'65 **Polly Steel** emailed the Alumni Office in December "I've had a couple lovely visits lately with Peg French. She lives about 45 minutes away in New Hampshire and, although she has trouble getting around, she's interesting and interested and I've so enjoyed seeing her again. For the last 7 years I have been training and supporting people who advocate for children who are both in state's custody and in special education. I also facilitate meetings for children in state's custody for the regional social services office. A few years ago I started selling my photographs, both enlargements and as note cards and that business continues to grow. Much of my volunteer time is taken up as a 10-year member of the local zoning board. Things are good!" **Bill Davis'** Dad died September 2, 2001 at age 89 after a long life supporting NSCDS. Bill writes, "he will be missed by many alums. Anne and I continue to enjoy living in Naples, FL. What a great place to work and enjoy!!" **Margi Morse Delafield** writes "Pompey was elected Hyde Park Town Supervisor in November. How our lives have already changed! So much for early retirement. I continue to be involved with Land-use Planning, some grant writing, and Urban Horticulture. Life continues to be full and challenging."

'68 **Susan Restin St. John** writes "I teach music (part-time) at the University of Portland (Oregon). Prayers of peace and thanksgiving to everyone and thank you for being the kind of caring educational environment NSCDS is – especially today, in this time of world conflict."

'69 **Jill Witte Dillon** currently serves as President of the Lyric Opera of the Chicago Guild Board.

'70 **Craig Johnson** writes "I was recently named Head Grower at 88 year old Klein's Floral and Greenhouses. We grow all kinds of flowers, herbs and vegetables. I credit Mac for my earliest interest in Botany and Mr. Allison for my determination. We were blessed with incredibly fine teachers. Mr. Newman's and Mr. Steel's influence on me can still be felt. Enjoyed seeing classmates and Vin and Zee Allison at 2000 Reunion." **Steve Geering** emailed "A project of mine is in "*Time*"! In *Time Magazine* 2/18 issue is a one page article titled 'Toys that Twist and Shout "about this year's toys at Toy Fair in New York City. An interactive musical toy that I am doing the music for "Musini" was named Most Innovative Toy of all toy fair with a nice paragraph devoted to it. I am a composer for TV/Film and Interactive games and now with "Musini" Interactive Toys! Latest releases in the game world include the hit Frogger "Temple of the Frog" GBA, Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase PlayStation, and "Motocross Maniacs" GBA is about to come out as well as "Spirit" GBA – the game of the DreamWorks animated film coming out soon. Showing now on Pay per View from 2/1 through March 31st across the country is the feature film " The Stand In "which I scored. Go to Goodtobeseenfilms.com for further info on that. The film won Best Director at the New York International Film Fest."

'71 **Phillip Fortune** writes "My daughter Elizabeth, a high school senior at Hopkins in New Haven, Connecticut, is participating in the Model Congress in Washington DC, Dec. 1-2, 2001. She has been touring with two different choirs. The Elm City girls choirs made their 3rd appearance at Carnegie Hall in New York City this year. Her school choir sang for the Pope in Rome in the summer 2001."

'72 **Robyn Gill Attaway** reports she moved to Kansas City to take a new position with Hallmark. She and her husband, Roy, are happy and enjoying life. **Mitch Paul** writes he has lived in Minnesota since 1985 when he moved there to attend law school. He was with firms from 1988 through 1990 and from 1998 to May of last year. Since then he has had his own office. He does half divorce and half civil litigation. He writes further "I've become a movie freak, of sorts, after taking a film minor at the university. I see between 400 and 500 movies a year. Between movies, I travel a lot. I've been to all the states and all the Canadian provinces and to Australia twice, Hong Kong twice, Macao, Japan twice, the Philippines, Mexico, Costa Rica and the UK. About 8 years ago, I took up birdwatching and I'll be in southeast Arizona for New Year's on a bird trip and I'll probably go to Ontario, Hudaon's Bay and the Keys next year for the same thing." **Andrew DaMiano** "enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion." **Peter Dammann** wrote in December: "hung out the last couple of days with **Jim Pugh**, who was here in Portland, Oregon with the Robert Cray Band, playing a big holiday fundraiser for the Oregon Food Bank. Jim also has been playing lately with soul legend Etta James, among others (a few years ago he did a tour and some recording with Chris Isaak) and by most accounts is the best blues/R&B keyboard player on the West Coast, if not the planet...So I've been out here for – gulp – two decades (!), first working for various newspapers and magazines as a political writer, then gradually shifting into music. I now oversee all musical aspects of a huge blues festival here over the July 4th weekend, the Waterfront Blues Festival, which runs five days on three stages, draws daily crowds of 30,000, has nearly 100 acts, and last year raised around $500,000 for the Oregon Food Bank. The Memphis-based Blues Foundation named me Blues Promoter of the Year last year for this event. Married to Kim Ray (late last year, though have been with her for 18 years) and we have two small kids, Isabel 7, now in second grade and already through book III of the Suzuki violin method (we've been playing Bach's D-major Gavotte from the orchestral suites, with me accompanying her on guitar), and Jesse, 2, who wants to play upright bass as soon as he can reach the finger-board. They are by far the greatest thing that ever happened to me! Anyhow, very sorry I couldn't make it to the reunion. I think much about NSCDS, my time there, and feel so very grateful to have had that experience, that education." **Sherry Bigelow** reports "I am still working for Intermountain Health Care, but am no longer managing the ICU and step down unit. Eight years in management was enough for me. Now I am very happily being paid to write patient care standards to be used throughout the corporation. I kid my old staff and tell them that I am still telling them what to do, just from farther away. Being out of the hospital setting is very different for me. I have been involved in patient care for a long time so it is quite a switch. Now I am not on call 24/7. Much less stress; quite nice!"

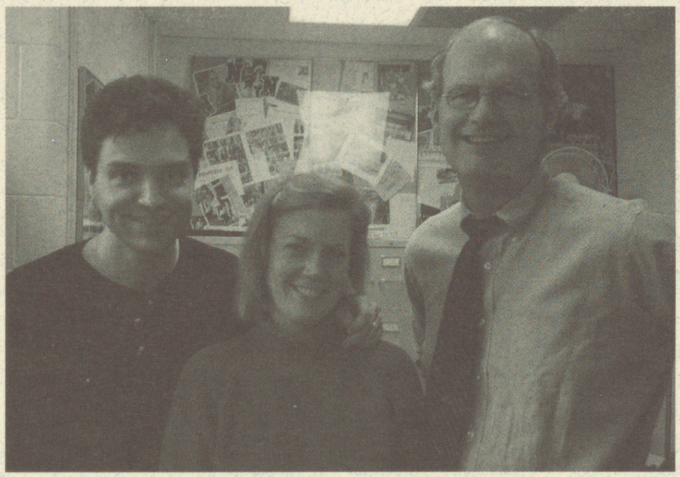
'74 **Michael Wollaeger** has recently changed businesses. After many years running Architectural Digest he is

starting his own design magazine called Western Interiors. The first issue should be out in the spring of 2003.

'76 **Peter Silberman reports** "Our family is complete. Eva is 1 1/2, 2 in May 2002. Ben will be 3 in February, 2002 and Leah will be 7 in February, 2002." **Anthony Blumberg** argued his first case in the Illinois Supreme Court and is expected to challenge Illinois Supreme Court rule in the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2002. His gift to the annual fund this year is in honor of John Almquist and he wrote to the Alumni Office the following: "I took classes from him in every semester of every year I was in high school at North Shore. He was the single most influential teacher I learned from. His lessons and classes transcended painting, sculpture and arts. He catalyzed my learning and focused my view of life in ways that continue to affect me."

'78 **Ted Parker** reports, "We have a new baby girl! Allison Grace Parker was born on February 13, 2002. Kaaren is doing great and Emily, Chase and Jaclyn are very excited."

'80 **Stuart Mason's** family has moved to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Stuart has been promoted to administrative plant manager. In this role he oversees the operations of the 1.1 million square foot printing facility and its 1,000 plus employees. The facility is best known for its production of weekly magazines such as Time, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated and People and its catalog clients such as Hanover Direct, Bloomingdales, Dell computers and Lego. They now have FOUR sons, Jonathan 14, Trevor 11, Nicholas 9 and Spencer 3.



Richard Marx '81 visited with students, faculty and staff. L-R: Richard Marx '81, Development Director Molly Ingram McDowell '80 and Head of School Tom Doar

'81 **Alex MacKenzie Walworth** states she "was so sorry to have missed my 20th class reunion this fall, but my husband, Andrew, and I had just welcomed our third child. Grace Lincoln Walworth was born September 4, 2001, joining her twin sisters, Victoria and Caroline."

'83 **Bert Coltman** "is engaged to be married to a girl from Bolivia, where they will be married. He is a microbiologist, currently teaching at Loyola University in New Orleans."

'84 **Win Reis** "survived 3 rounds of layoffs at Hewlett Packard and is now working in business planning for HP's solutions organization in Silicon Valley."

'85 **Bob de la Fuente** is practicing law in Miami, Florida. **Thomas Nachbar** writes, "We're settling into our new home in Charlottesville, Virginia, where I've taken a position as a Professor at The University of Virginia School of Law. Our son, James, is growing like a weed and talking more every day. To top it all off, our second child, a girl named Amelia, was born this past October!"

'86 **Kristen Moffat Powell** and her husband Jeffrey John Powell "live in Mill Valley, California with their two Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Gracie and Josephine. They are expecting their first baby in March. He will be named Joseph Jackson Powell." **Rudyard Coltman** is an attorney, living in Bakers City, Oregon. **Jenny Siegal** emailed "I am juggling my day job, as Assistant to the Director at the French American Chamber of Commerce in LA on Melrose Ave. Yes, I get to speak French everyday. Meanwhile, my pursuits in art are coming along, as I occasionally have shows of my portrait and sculpture work. See www.jenart.bigstep.com for a peek."

'87 **Adele Robinson** writes from England "I now have 2 additions to my family, I gave birth to twins in June. This has made me, my partner and both sets of grandparents very happy to say the least. I have a girl and a boy, Cyane Ruby and Shea Cian, they are both doing very well, thankfully sleeping through most nights and growing rapidly. I am loving motherhood and really enjoying this time with the babies. I still work for a Housing Association as a supported housing manager working with people who experience mental health problems, homelessness, drug and alcohol problems and young people leaving Care. I enjoy the work immensely but it is demanding and stressful. I also do quite a bit of other voluntary work on a Management Committee." **Bill Bach** reports "now the District Sales Manager - Central Region for Ketel One Vodka. Getting married to Carrie Page, on Sept 28, 2002." **Alexandra Silets** won an Emmy as Producer on Channel 11. **Chris Avery** and his wife, Laura, "are proud to announce the birth of our daughter Cameron Genice Avery, born January 23, 2002. Cameron joins her sister Taylor (12) and her brother Kegan (10) as a member of our family!!" **Joel de la Fuente** recently appeared in an episode of the television program Law & Order.

'88 **Gwendolyn Rohlen Ruedin** has moved and as their change of address states they have moved to a farm in Wisconsin "Ain't no harm in living on a farm! It's our last move, so sound the alarm!" **Ned Bentley** was married on November 17, 2001 to Elea Valessares. **Fred Scott '87, Jason Rosenberg '89** and **Jon Reinsdorf '87** were all in the wedding. Prentiss Donahue and Joel Jacobson attended as well. In addition, **Suzanne Folds McCullagh '69**, a cousin of Ned's, and her husband, Grant, were present for the wedding. **Prentiss Donohue** wrote "came through Chicago in late November for Ned Bentley's wedding. **Jon Reinsdorf, Jason Rosenberg '89, Cy Oelerich'89, Molly Shotwell '87,** and **Fred Scott '87** were also in attendance. Many of us needed handkerchiefs at the ceremony to wipe away our

tears... of laughter as Ned did the "ring circle" at the Greek Orthodox Church. It was a very special wedding with Ned proudly singing "O'er the Fields of Waving Purple" in late-night celebrations. Bride and groom have migrated to St. Paul, MN where Ned is working in corporate marketing for 3M Corporation." **Elliot Reis** was recently promoted to Second Vice President at Northern Trust Bank." **Andrew Brown** has recently become engaged too.

'89 **Ashley Kent Stone** attended North Shore in the middle school and when her family moved to Ohio attended the Miami Valley School. She was recently featured in the Miami Valley School literature as an alumna making a difference. Ashley is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at UCLA Medical Center County Hospital in Torrance, California, working with predominantly Spanish speaking people from rural communities with little or no income for medical services. She is also the Coordinator for the Medical Genetics Clinic working with children with physical deformities, metabolic disorders, and developmental delays. Ashley speaks fluent Spanish and communicates in Spanish 95% of her day. She has a degree in Biology, a B.S. in Nursing from Rush University and a Masters from Rush in Chicago. She will become an Associate Professor at UCLA in Los Angeles. Her mother states "I truly feel that the program at North Shore with the caring teachers, the strict routines, the organizational discipline were all significant in seeing these accomplishments." **Robert Angert** is engaged and his future's wife's name is Shanna Schwartz.

'90 **Jenny Gormanous Burke** is a staff writer at Boston University and has been promoted to editor. Jenny sends her best to her classmates in the Class of 1990.

'91 **Kris Gardiner** is "due to finish my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. I am recently engaged to Dave Barry, MD. I am currently living in Houston and am returning to San Diego in August." **Zach Oelerich** writes "just married! October 6, 2001 to Heather Lyn Katz of Marin County, Ca and received a Masters in Counseling from U.S.F." **Joe Shenton** has joined the firm of Bernstein as a Vice President. The Alumni Office recently learned that **Andy Boron** is running for Illinois State Rep in the 5th District.

'92 **Casey Philips** is now living in West Hollywood, Illinois.

'93 **Benjie de la Fuente** is studying for a Masters degree in Fine Arts, Vocal Performance at the Manhattan School of Music Graduate School in NYC. **Christopher Frederick Davis Keady**, a United States marine officer, is currently stationed on the USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea. Captain Keady is on land in Afghanistan securing Kandahar and the supply airport. **Betty Fisher** is engaged to Michael Wiggins, New York, and the wedding is planned in the summer of 2002. **Scott Shlaes** writes "I have been consulting at the American Bar Foundation, in their development department. I have been doing research, working with their database and helping the Director put together a marketing presentation for the board of directors. It is a great place to work and I've gained a number of skills in a relatively short span of time."

'95 **Keith Kurzman** moved in March, after five years in NYC, to the West Coast. He is a poet performing and competing in poetry slams and selling his books. He can be seen on the web by typing Morris stegosaurus. He last performed in Chicago at the Mad Bar in the spring and in January was live at the Note in Chicago.

'97 **Jordan Rutledge**, in response to the annual fund writes, "It feels great to finally give back. Lots of wonderful NSCDS memories. Graduating from Middlebury on February 2, 2002 on skis. Moving to Cincinnati, Ohio and getting married in Chicago on June 1, 2002. Life is really good." **Eliza Durbin** majored in architecture at Connecticut College and participated in the pre-architecture in Florence program. "I am currently living in Madison, Wisconsin, looking for teaching positions as well as the possibility of returning to college for a teaching certification." **Andrea Moffat** graduated with honors from Lawrence University in June '01 and is now living and teaching in Barcelona, Spain. **Hillary Wirtz** is a new member of the North Shore Country Day School Alumni Board. She is working at North Shore as the Second Grade Assistant and a Coach for field hockey. **Sun Jung Lee '97** stopped in for a visit to school. She is in her last semester at Oberlin, majoring in Piano. She is applying to graduate school, for her MFA, at Rice, Bowling Green State University, and Cincinnati. She was thrilled to be back at school and said everything looked great. She said she would drop by in May to let us know where she is going to school. **Jeff Meyer** wrote in January "Hi from China. Hope all is well at NSCDS. I'm teaching English this year at a medical school in Beijing. The school, called Peking Union Medical School was one of four medical schools (another being U. of Chicago) founded by Rockefeller. Teaching English is not too challenging because my students are older between 25-35, and know English relatively well. My classes are big (50 students each) and I only see each class for 3 hours/week. I do the best I can to structure debates, forums, skits, anything to get the students speaking English. I've focused on medical-public health related issues. This week we discussed the Hippocratic Oath, other weeks the mission of a pharmaceutical company, rural health care, fast food, etc. My Chinese is coming along and my apartment is in a great location, just a 20 minute walk east of Tiananmen, the heart of the City."

'99 **Anne Cavanaugh** was one of four students from Illinois to be designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars and Book Award Winners at Bowdoin College. The scholarships are awarded to the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of each class from the previous academic year. Book Award winners are those students who receive grades of no less than an "A" during the preceding year. **Jon Lehman** is a junior at Yale and majoring in linguistics. **Margaret Le Blanc** is a junior at Lawrence in Appleton, Wisconsin. She spent a term in Freiburg, Germany doing a language immersion program.

'00 **Robbie Bearman** visited North Shore in December and is doing well at Stanford. His sister, **Katie Bearman '02,** will be joining her brother next fall at Stanford as a freshman.

'01 **Tori Okner**, part of the Class of 2005 at Connecticut College, was among those students who participated in an American Red Cross-sponsored blood drive. The blood drive was held on September 24th and 25th in response to anticipated need for an increased supply due to the tragic events of September 11. Recent news received in the Alumni Office is that **Allie Horevitz** has just been awarded the prestigious Hopwood Prize for Creative Writing at Michigan. As faculty member **Carol Friedman** reported "this is a terrific honor for a first year student and well deserved. Allie submitted a piece based on A Hundred Years of Solitude and her Amigos experience in Honduras, which she originally wrote as her summer reading response for Drea Pedisich. She continued to work on this piece this year at Michigan with one of her professors in a writing tutorial. **Lizzie Horevitz** is doing well also, and both young women will be returning to the Amigos program this summer to serve as field supervisors for volunteers." **Perry Hill** stopped by the school on March 22 in full naval uniform after graduating from Great Lakes Naval Academy. He shipped out to Charleston, SC on 3/27/02 to attend school to learn to operate Nuclear Reactors on Submarines and Carriers.

Former Faculty

Bill Freisem has moved to Seattle, Washington near his family, and sees his grandchildren often. His house is near the University and has a view of the Cascades. **Natalie and Pete Nelson** sent a message to faculty "We miss you all! Much Love, Natalie & Pete."



Left to right: Liz Price Hunt '42, Patty Washburn, Vin Allison and Beth Foster

Vin Allison attended the Holiday Musical Choral Morning Ex. in December and visited with many faculty including **Michael Querio, Sharon Dole, Beth Foster, Lynda Wood, Bob Beerheide, Linda Kiracibasi, Jackie Melissas, Patty Washburn, Tom Doar, Barb Flint Krier '72, Molly Ingram McDowell '80** and **Nancy Green Whiteman '71.** We received a note from **Dean Sexton** about his new bride, Marjorie Poe. They were married July 28, 2001. He wrote the Alumni Office "We were married in the First Presbyterian Church where we met (Marjorie was hired as the pianist and music director in October of 2000). Marjorie has a Master of Arts degree in Piano and Pedagogy from Eastman School of Music. She has taught choral music and music theory in several schools including Cal State University at Dominguez Hills and toured with several musicals including CATS, and The Unsinkable Molly Brown. She also spent one season traveling the Eastern United States and Canada with the Ringling Brothers Circus. She is a native of Los Angeles, and in the "very, small world department," her parents live in Ventura, California, just 1/4 mile from where my mother and brother live! I would love to hear from former students and colleagues at North Shore. Although I love the weather in Southern California, I miss Illinois, and you all." **Bill Steel** reports from Williamstown, Ma that he is currently tutoring at a school five days a week. He and his wife, **Miriam Fetcher Steel '33**, spend their summers in Leland, Michigan where Mr. Steel teaches sailing. **David Trevaskis** wrote the Alumni Office that "I am now working for the Pennsylvania Bar Association and still doing education." Current Middle School Head, **Mary Pat Hepp**, spent a delightful evening with **Dick and Carol Hall** and **Nancy Geyer-Christopher** and her husband, Larry. Dick loves his new position as Head of the Washington International School. Nancy is doing a one-woman stage production of Florence Nightingale and another show with a friend about Sojourner Truth.

Births

Hunter Michael Bird
July 24, 2001
Mari and **Michael Bird '75**

Elena de la Fuente
August 20, 2001
Melissa and **Joel de la Fuente '87**

Grace Lincoln Walworth
September 4, 2001
Andrew and **Alex MacKenzie Walworth '81**

Alexandra Madison Charnas
December 16, 2001
Cheryl and **Chris Charnas '83**

Cameron Genice Avery
January 23, 2002
Laura and **Chris Avery '87**

Allison Grace Parker
February 13, 2002
Kaaren and **Ted Parker '78**

Grace King Harris
February 25, 2002
Kyle and **Lauri Reagan Harris '87**

In Memoriam

George Schumacher
1999
Former Interim Head of Middle School

Isabelle Fry Sawyer '24
April 17, 2000

Mrs. Justin A. Stanley (Leigh)
January 9, 2001
Mother of Janet Stanley Hoffman '59
Grandmother of Robert Stanley '05
Mother-in-law of Peggy Carton Stanley '70

Evelyn Hemmings Chambers
March 28, 2001
Mother of Merle Chambers '64

Carl B. Davis
September 2, 2001
Father of Robert Davis '60, James Davis '64,
and William Davis '65

Edmond J. Weinrib '69
November 6, 2001

Daniel M. Heekin
November 8, 2001
Father of Molly Heekin '95 and Michael Heekin '00

Samuel S. Greeley '32
November 10, 2001
Father of Sara Fortescue-Webb '66 and Samuel S. Greeley '68
Brother of Frederick Greeley '37

Andrew McNally III '26
November 15, 2001

Francis D. Moore '31
November 24, 2001

James Wilson Button
December 2001
Father of Kathy Button Bell '76

John W. Coffin '65
December 4, 2001

Jean E. Lea
December 8, 2001
Mother of Jeannie Lea Scully '63
Grandmother of Ginger Scully '90, Robin Scully '93,
and Page Scully '94

Anne Stern '76
December 15, 2001
Sister of John Stern '71

Joan Osborne Goodall '54
December 23, 2001

Martha Jenkins Munro '31
January 19, 2002
Sister of Janet Jenkins Miller '39 and Ann Jenkins Prouty '33

William B. Watkins '40
January 29, 2002
Brother of Jane Watkins Escher '41

Frances Yeager Ahrens
February 8, 2002
Mother of Russel F. Ahrens '59

Joan T. Kollar
February 13, 2002
Mother of John Kollar '66

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February 18, 2002
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John E. Miller '41
February 26, 2002
Father of Gwendolyn Miller Davis '70 and
Jacqueline Miller Pearl '69

Margaret Robandt
February 27, 2002
Grandmother of Emma '12 and Stuart '05 Colman

Edmund Pabst
March 12, 2002
Father of Sarah Pabst '80

Marriages

Dean Sexton to Marjorie Poe
July 28, 2001
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Ned Bentley '88 to Elea Valessares
November 17, 2001

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January 23, 2002

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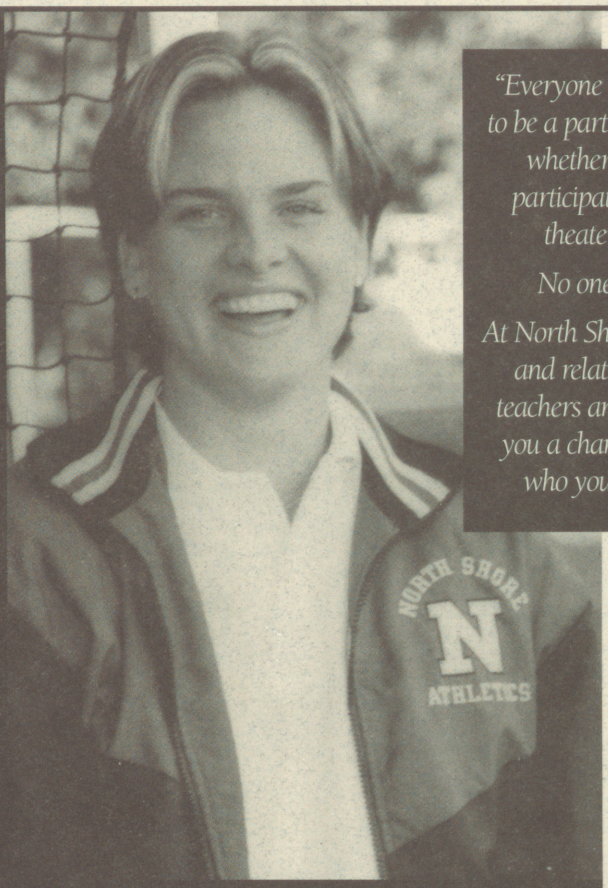
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